

ABSTRACT

[0042] A gasket device for use on a brake drum or wheel hub comprises an annular, flat gasket seal made of flexible polyethylene. One embodiment has a circular outer periphery with a diameter corresponding to the diameter of an annular attachment surface of the drum or hub. This seal has a circular central opening with a diameter corresponding to that of a central, cylindrical extension adjacent the drum or hub. A plurality of small openings readily accommodate wheel studs on the drum or hub. The first embodiment is mounted between the drum or hub and a central mounting portion of the vehicle wheel. This seal prevents bonding of the wheel to the attachment surface as a result of corrosion. In a second embodiment, the outer periphery of the gasket seal has a diameter corresponding to an outer diameter of a hub flange in the brake and wheel assembly. This second version is mounted between an annular attachment surface of the assembly and an inner surface of the drum.